

identified, authorized signals cease to be of concern. No recordings
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are made and little, if any, information is acquired in the course of
identification of these signals. Only the signals containing unauthorized
transmissions involving the CIA are subject to further identification
and action.

By statute, the Director of Central Intelligence is "responsible
for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure."
In addition, Section 4(b)(8) of the Executive Order 11905 provides that
CIA shall "protect the security of its installations, activities, information
and personnel." Obviously, these responsibilities cannot be met unless
hostile electronic surveillance is detected and eliminated.

Furthermore, hostile electronic surveillance detection activities
are not designed or conducted for the purpose of acquiring non-public
communications. Consequently, I believe that the prohibition concerning
electronic surveillance within the United States does not apply to these
activities, and we are continuing to conduct the same.

I would appreciate your approval of the suggested modification of the
procedures for unconsented physical searches directed against United
States persons abroad, as well as your concurrence in my view regarding
our electronic surveillance detection activity.

Sincerely,

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George Bush
Director

Proposed Modification to Procedures Under Executive Order
11705 for Unconsented Physical Searches Directed Against
United States Persons Abroad

1. At the beginning of paragraph 3 of the current procedures, add the words "Except as hereinafter provided".

2. Add the following new paragraph 6:

In emergency situations involving documents or other tangible material deemed critical to the national security or to the life of any CIA officer, employee or agent, the Director of Central Intelligence, or those senior CIA officials overseas designated by him in writing, may authorize a search to be directed against a United States person abroad reasonably believed to be acting on behalf of a foreign power or terrorist group and to be in possession of such documents or materials. The Attorney General shall immediately be notified of the circumstances surrounding any such emergency authorization. Searches conducted pursuant to any such emergency authorization are otherwise subject to all the procedures outlined above.

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